

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-6, and add new claims 7-9 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A document search system for the retrieval of documents related to a search key ~~that is entered, said system~~ comprising:
 - a database in which terms, corresponding meanings, relevance between the meanings, and relevance between the terms with respect to each corresponding meaning are stored;
 - a search key input unit for entering by a user a **first term** as a search key;
 - a ~~word sense associative meaning-relation~~ network presenting ~~portion for~~ presenting unit by which a **plurality of different meanings** of said search key together with its related meaning in and a **second term** related to each of said meanings of said search key are extracted from the database and presented in a form of a network;
 - a meaning selecting means for selecting by the user at least one meaning of the **first term** in the network presented by the meaning-relation network presenting unit;
 - a search ~~portion for~~ unit conducting a document search using said search key;
 - a meaning determination unit for determining a meaning of the search key used in a searched document by the search unit, by referring to the database; and
 - a filtering ~~portion for~~ unit selecting a document[[s]] from a set of searched documents obtained as a result of said search that matches selected word senses as determined by the meaning determination unit in which said search key is used **with** said at least one meaning selected by the meaning selecting means.
2. (Currently Amended) The document search system according to claim 1, wherein said search ~~portion~~ unit generates a search key based on a selected meaning selected by the meaning selecting means ~~word senses~~, and conducts a search using the [[thus]] generated search key.
3. (Currently Amended) The document search system according to claim 1, wherein said search ~~portion~~ unit conducts a cross-lingual document search ~~in which said search~~

~~portion searches~~ whereby a document[[s]] written in a language different from that of the entered search key [[that]] is retrieved ~~entered~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The document search system according to claim 1, wherein said search ~~portion~~ unit conducts a monolingual document search ~~in which said search portion searches~~ whereby a document[[s]] written in the same language as that of the entered search key [[that]] is retrieved ~~entered~~.
5. (Currently Amended) The document search system according to claim 2, wherein said search ~~portion~~ unit conducts a cross-lingual document search ~~in which said search portion searches~~ whereby a document[[s]] written in a language different from that of the entered search key [[that]] is retrieved ~~entered~~.
6. (Currently Amended) The document search system according to claim 2, wherein said search ~~portion~~ unit conducts a monolingual document search ~~in which said search portion searches~~ whereby a document[[s]] written in the same language as that of the entered search key [[that]] is retrieved ~~entered~~.
7. (New) The document search system according to claim 1, wherein the first term and each of said different meanings are paired and displayed side by side as one first node in the network.
8. (New) The document search system according to claim 7, wherein said second term is displayed as a second node linked to said first node via a line in the network.
9. (New) The document search system according to claim 8, wherein said second term and a meaning of the second term are paired and displayed side by side as said second node in the network.